

Louise is an original cosponsor of H.R. 1913, the Local Law Enforcement Hate Crimes Prevention Act of 2009, legislation that enhances penalties for willfully causing bodily injury to any person because of perceived race, color, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity or disability of the victim. This bill passed the House in April of 2009 and is awaiting Senate action.

Louise is cosponsoring legislation that would extend family and medical leave protections so that grandparents and siblings can take time off of work to care for ill family members. One such bill is H.R. 2460, the Healthy Families Act, which requires certain employers, who employ 15 or more employees for each working day during 20 or more work weeks per year, to permit each employee to earn at least one hour of paid sick time for every 30 hours worked.

Louise is an original cosponsor of H.R. 3017, the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, a bill to prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.